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Minutes of the RM of Morris Council meeting held Wednesday, December 9, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Deputy Reeve Stan Siemens and Councillors Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert and Barry Fraese were present with Deputy Reeve Stan Siemens in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Secretary Kim Robert were also present at the meeting. Reeve Ralph Groening sent his regrets.

**Call to Order:**

**207/15 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck**

Be it Resolved that the November 10, 2015 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**1. Council Minutes:**

**1.1 November 10, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

**208/15 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht**

Be it Resolved that the minutes of a meeting that was held on November 10, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**Business Arising From the Minutes:**

An update was given regarding Resolution 204/15. Penner Brothers Investors have chosen not to accept Council conditions to purchase Lots 11 & 12 of Plan 47950.

**2. Finance/Personnel:**

**2.1 Cheque Listing**

**209/15 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht**

Be it Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201501679 to 201501848 totalling \$3,459,548.61.

Carried.

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**2.2 2015 Financial Statement - November**

**210/15 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck**

Be it Resolved that the RM of Morris Council adopt the Financial Statement for November, 2015.

Carried.

**2.3 Consolidated Financial Audited Financial Statement - 2014**

**211/15 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert**

Be it Resolved that the Council of the RM of Morris adopt the Auditors report as presented.

Carried.

**2.4 2016 Interim Budget**

**212/15 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht**

Be it Resolved that the Council of the RM of Morris approve the following interim budget for 2016.

Government Services	\$230,000.00
Protective Services	57,500.00
Transportation Services	460,000.00
Environmental Health	57,500.00
Public Health & Welfare	11,500.00
Environmental Development	11,500.00
Economic Development	149,500.00
Recreation	57,500.00
Fiscal Services	<u>57,500.00</u>
Total	\$1,092,500.00

Carried.

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**2.5 Miscellaneous Posting to Tax Accounts**

**213/15 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese**

Be it Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following property tax accounts:

<b>Tax Account No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
17300	EPTCA Credit	(\$700.00)
200055	EPTCA Credit	(\$700.00)
203308	Tax Cancellation	(\$97.45)
203308	Tax Cancellation	(\$95.29)

Carried.

**2.6 AR Adjustments**

**214/15 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht**

Be it Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following AR account:

<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
85	Billed Incorrectly	(\$35.76)

Carried.

**2.7 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes**

**215/15 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese**

Be it Resolved that the RM of Morris transfer the following utility accounts as per attached listing.

Carried.

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### **3. Delegations/Hearings:**

#### **3.1 Public Works Manager, Don Harder's Report**

##### **Drainage**

- Approximately 3 miles to do.
- Both excavators on Roberts/McTavish Drain.

##### **Roads**

- Dirt roads are shaping up nicely.

##### **Culverts**

- Some culvert replacements and extensions will carry over to 2016.

##### **Various**

- Possibility of a water tanker for the RM Fire Fighters.
- Started on gravel stockpile at RM Public Works yard.
- Painting interior of Sperling water plant.
- Waiting on price for water softener, foam & soap dispenser in wash bay.

##### **Shop**

- Started on truck and trailer safeties.
- Deere grader transmissions has been completed.

#### **3.2 Building Inspector, Ed Penner's Report**

Building Inspector, Ed Penner attended the meeting and Council reviewed his report.

#### **3.3 Bernard Schellenberg, RM of Morris Fire Chief**

RM of Morris Fire Chief, Bernard Schellenberg attended the meeting and briefly discussed the possible purchase of a fuel truck to convert to a water truck for the Rosenort fire hall.

#### **3.4 By-Law Enforcement**

Commissionaire, Mr. Wilfred Lozie attended the meeting to introduce himself and give a briefing.

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**4. Committee & Reports:**

Council reviewed the following reports and minutes:

**4.1** Reeve's Report

**4.2** Committee of the Whole Minutes – October 28, 2015

**216/15 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck**

Be it Resolved that we authorize payment of \$23,500.00 plus applicable taxes to Dura-Con for the creation and installation of the Rosenort signs;  
And Be it Further Resolved that we discuss the balance of the invoice further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried.

**4.3** Valley Regional Library Minutes – September 28, 2015

**4.4** Morris District Handivan Reports

**5. Action Correspondence**

**5.1** Red River Valley Foodbank–Donation request  
Donation will be made as per our policy.

**5.2** Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation–Donation request and information on the annual fundraisers.

**5.3** Camp Bridges–Donation request  
Taken as information.

**5.4** Councillor Letter of Resignation & Delegation of Duties  
Margaret Gluck has resigned her position as a member of Council. The Committees that she was appointed to will have the alternates attend the meetings until the next time Council has a re-organization meeting.

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## 5.5 Water Bill Decrease Request

### 217/15 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht

Be it Resolved that we reduce the water bill for account no. 23060000 by \$500.00.

Carried.

## 6. Information Package:

6.1 Scott Land & Lease Ltd., Infrastructure Land Services

6.2 Morris Fire Department, Support Thank You

6.3 CN, Dangerous Goods Report

6.4 Dekalb SuperSpiel, Thank You Letter & Article

6.5 Manitoba Planning Conference, Save the Date – 2016

Councillors Mervin Dueck, Stan Siemens, Rick Giesbrecht, Barry Fraese expressed interest in attending.

6.6 PVWC, Board Meeting

Annual Meeting to be held this Friday morning, December 11, 2015, at Burkes.

## 7. Other Business/Discussions

### 7.1 Signed Development Agreement-Greenbank Farms Ltd.

#### 218/15 Mervin Dueck – Denis Robert

Be it Resolved that we approve the Final Development Agreement with Greenbank Farms Ltd. as attached.

Carried.

### 7.2 Special Committee Creation

#### 219/15 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert

WHEREAS Section 6.4 of Rural Municipality of Morris By-law 1709/2015, being our Organizational By-law, provides for “A special committee of Council may be appointed by resolution of Council at any time specifying the business to be dealt with by the committee. Special Committees shall have a specific purpose and shall sunset at the end of their mission, but no later than the end of each calendar year unless specifically continued by resolution of Council”.

AND WHEREAS Council deems it in the best interests of the municipality to create a Special Committee of Council to review the current Policy Manual;

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AND WHEREAS guidelines have been developed as shown attached to this resolution;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Committee of Council be established to review the current Policy Manual of the Rural Municipality of Morris and that the following Council members be appointed to the Committee:

- Mervin Dueck
- Rick Giesbrecht
- Ralph Groening – Ex-officio

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and a member of the Administration Office be appointed to the Committee to assist in clerical/administrative roles.

Carried.

### **7.3 Subdivision 4152-13-7122 – SE ¼ 6-4-2W Bernie A. & Sara Bergen**

#### **220/15 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht**

Be it Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-13-7122 in the SE ¼ 6-4-2W for Bernie A. & Sara Bergen, subject to the property owners being responsible for any and all costs as related to the installation of any additional access driveways that will be required as a result of this subdivision; and also that the applicants supply proof of an agreement to ensure that there adequate manure spreading acres available.

Carried.

#### **7.4 Event Calendar**

#### **7.5 October Google Analytics**

**7.6 Discussion of By-Election – We will need to hold a by-election to fill a position on Council. Some possible by-election dates were discussed. We will have more discussion at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 18, 2015.**



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**8. Adjournment Resolution:**

**221/15 Dennis Robert – Barry Fraese**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on January 13, 2016.

Carried.

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